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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE PURCHASE OF GRUMMAN HU-16

ALBATROSS AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 205378

1. PAF CURRENTLY HAS TWO MAP SUPPORTED HU-16 AIRCRAFT FOR AIR-SEA RESCUE AND USES TWO NON-MAP SUPPORTED HU-16 FOR COASTAL PATROL AND ANTI-SMUGGLER OPERATIONS. LONG RANGE PLAN IN THE POM (PROGRAM OBJECTIVES MEMORANDUM) IS TO REPLACE THE HU-16 WITH AIR-SEA RESCUE HELICOPTERS. THIS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

2. PAF HU-16'S HAVE SEEN EXTENSIVE SERVICE. EITHER RETIREMENT IN FAVOR OF YOUNGER AIRCRAFT OR REBUILD OF THESE 4 AIRCRAFT WILL BE REQUIRED IN NEXT FEW YEARS. MOREOVER TEMPO OF COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY SURFACE AND AERIAL ACTIVITIES HAS INCREASED IN WATER AREAS OF THE PHILIPPINES WITHIN LAST TWO YEARS. THIS IN TURN HAS INCREASED NEED FOR BOTH AIR-SEA RESCUE SERVICES AND COASTAL PATROL. PAF ALREADY POSSESSES BASIC HU-16 LOGISTIC SUPPORT. PROPOSED ACQUISITION DOES NOT EXACERBATE CHRONIC PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION OF AIRCRAFT TYPES. THEREFORE MODEST INCREASE
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TO PAF AMPHIBIAN FLEET BY ADDING 4 TO 6 AIRCRAFT SEEMS

LOGICAL AND SUPPORTABLE.

3. ALTHOUGH REFTEL INDICATES PAF APPARENTLY HAS INFORMED GRUMMAN IT INTENDS TO ENLARGE PRESENT ALBATROSS FLEET, PURCHASE OF SUCH MAJOR ITEMS IS FUNCTION OF GHQ, AFP. GHQ HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET REQUESTED OUR SUPPORT OF HU-16. INDICATIONS ARE THAT PAF IS THINKING IN TERMS OF COMMERICAL PURCHASE.

4. IF GHQ REQUESTS OUR SUPPORT, WE RECOMMEND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM TO SELL MODEST NUMBER OF HU-16 AIRCRAFT TO AFP.
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